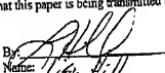


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Dear Sir:

Applicant requests removal of the final status of the current Office Action in this matter. A Non-final Office Action in this matter was mailed on April 23, 2003. Applicant submitted a supplemental IDS on June 3, 2003 in which DE 19537190 was cited. During a telephone interview between Applicant's representative Joshua Randall and Examiner Johnson on August 18, 2003 (while the Non-final Office Action was still pending), the Examiner suggested that DE 19537190 may be the basis of an obviousness rejection of the claims pending at that point (claims 20-27). Applicant submitted an Amendment on October 23, 2003, in which the rejections in the Non-final Office Action as well as DE '190 were addressed. In response, a final Office Action was mailed on January 23, 2004, which included a detailed rejection of the pending claims (claims 20-27 and 29) based on DE '190.

Because the current final Office Action represents the first formal rejection of the claims based on DE '190, Applicant submits that the final status of the Office Action is improper and should be removed so that the Applicant has opportunity to respond to the rejection.

Consideration of these facts and grant of this Petition is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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